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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEE INDICTED**  
**FOR CRIMINAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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ORLANDO - A federal grand jury sitting in Orlando today returned a one-count Indictment charging SABRANIA HOLMES, age 43, of Dale City, Virginia, with participating, as a government employee, in a contract in which she had a financial interest. The defendant is an inspector for the Defense Contract Management Agency in Manassas, Virginia.

The Indictment states that between December 2000 and February 2001, while an employee of the United States Department of Defense, SABRANIA HOLMES participated personally and substantially as a government employee, through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation or otherwise, in a contract in which she had a financial interest. The Indictment alleges that the criminal conflict of interest violation occurred in connection with a contract action in Orange County, Florida.

If convicted, SABRANIA HOLMES faces a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years and a maximum fine of \$2,000,000.

This case was investigated by special agents of the Defense Criminal Investigation Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia Hawkins Collazo of the Orlando Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal law and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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